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In re Patent Application of :	)	
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Application No.: 09/987,196	)	Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
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Filed: November 13, 2001	)	
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For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING		
ZONED AREAS OF HYDROPHILICITY		

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Director of the United States  
Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, applicant hereby elects a species and traverses the requirement. The shortened statutory period for response was set to expire December 19, 2002. Accordingly, a petition for a one-month extension of time is filed currently herewith, thus extending the time to January 19, 2003.

The Examiner has required applicant under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect one of two species (see Office Action, pages 2-3).

In the event that the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, claims 1, 3, 4, 19, 29, 33, 35 and 36, which are generic

to Species 1: type of skin-wellness substance. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's requirement to elect a species. Non-elected claims should be allowed if a generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the telephonic conference conducted with applicant's representative on January 15, 2003. At the Examiner's request, this response is being filed via facsimile.

In view of the above remarks, it is thus respectfully requested that all claims be allowed to be prosecuted in the same application.

Respectfully submitted,

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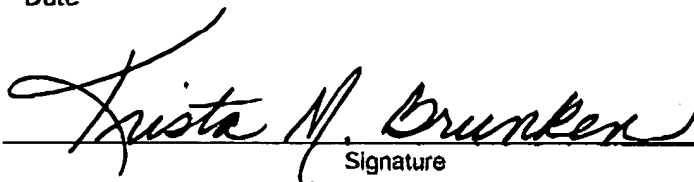
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1. Response to Restriction Requirement
2. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time with Deposit Account Authorization